

Oakland/Berkeley Recycling Market Development Zone

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Ms. Linda Moulton-Patterson, Chair
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 "I" Street
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Subject: Application for Renewal of the Oakland/Berkeley Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

Dear Chairperson Moulton-Patterson:

The Oakland/Berkeley Recycling Market Development Zone (O/B RMDZ) was among those first designated in the state, with an official start date of April 28, 2003. Given that this initial designation of the zone had a term of ten (10) years, access to incentives offered under the RMDZ program will expire by April 28, 2003 unless steps are taken to renew and extend the designation of the Oakland/Berkeley RMDZ.

Therefore, I am writing to you on this auspicious day to formally request renewal of the O/B RMDZ for up to another ten year term. (I say "up to" ten years only because it remains to be seen whether the RMDZ loan program will have its current sunset date of 6/30/06 extended by legislative action, given that funding for the loan program beyond that date is not yet fully secured.) The O/B RMDZ is anxious to continue operating as long as the loan program and other incentives to recycling-based businesses remain available.

This request for renewal is intended to continue administration of the O/B RMDZ without changes to its boundaries or day-to-day operations, which have basically remained unchanged since the original designation of the zone in 1993. The map and short narrative description currently used to describe the O/B RMDZ on the CIWMB web site remain accurate, and no changes are anticipated.

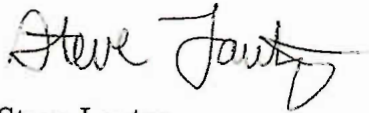
The complete contents of this application for renewal of the O/B RMDZ are as follows:

- Resolutions from the City Councils of Oakland and Berkeley affirming their interest in renewing the O/B RMDZ, including model language from the CIWMB committing both cities to administer the program based on principles of environmental justice;
- The Notice of Determination filed with both the State Clearinghouse and the County of Alameda certifying that the renewal is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- A copy of an updated market development plan in the form of the 2003 Zone Action Plan; and
- An accurate geographic map and narrative description of the O/B RMDZ.

As the current administrator of the O/B RMDZ, I feel confident in saying that the RMDZ program has helped Oakland and Berkeley's efforts to reduce solid waste and build local markets, and has also addressed the CIWMB's efforts to develop the overall RMDZ program and statewide infrastructure supporting implementation of AB 939. It is in this spirit of mutual cooperation that I request that the CIWMB approve this request for renewal of the O/B RMDZ.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lautze". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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